

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a flagrant partisan action.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, Sinclair highlights the problem of having large media consolidation in that the political views of an owner or CEO are able to affect not only the local area where they live, but a significant amount of the population. This is not good for our democracy and appears similar to a communist country where opinions are manipulated by one sided 'news' programs that don't present the full story.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

If the FCC fails to act in consort with the FEC and either require Sinclair to air the pro-Kerry film, "Going Upriver," immediately after this film, you are asking to have further regulations foisted upon you by the Congress. Thank you.